

THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OUT TO THE LIFE
AND MINISTRY OF
HUDSON MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 4, 2025



MASSANETTA MIDDLE SCHOOL CONFERENCE “HOLY LOVE, WHOLLY LOVED”



Last Friday, a group of Middle School Youth returned from the annual Massanetta Middle School Conference in Massanetta Springs, VA.

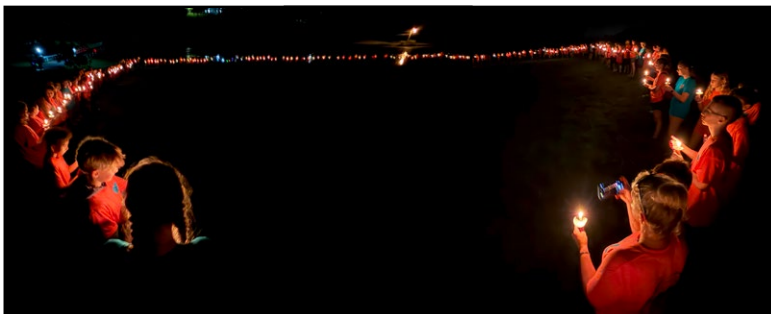
The theme for the Middle School Conference 2025 was “Holy Love, Wholly Loved,” taken from 1 John 4. The youth explored the concept of God’s love for us which teaches us how to love others. We love God because God loves us and shows us perfect love. Loving God is loving people, and loving people is loving God. Additionally, they heard about how to navigate fear and how it hinders us from fully loving and being loved. Throughout the conference, they explored this theme through

movement and play, heard it come to life through keynote featuring skits, and reflected on it with discussions.



Look for a more in depth article in the early fall about all the youth summer trips explained and proclaimed in “their words”.

-Rich Richards, Director of Youth Ministry & Children’s Music



MISSION

A Very Generous Congregation Supports The Avery County Mission Trip

In a wholly unforeseen manner beyond any expectation, aided by several very generous donations, the congregation almost doubled its support of the Avery County Mission Trip over this last weekend with a resulting figure on July 1 amounting to \$9,300. This gracious outpouring assures not only that the trip expenses for this year are fully covered but also that much of those for next year will be met as well. Our sincere thanks and deep appreciation to all who have so wholeheartedly and open-handedly supported this missional effort. - *The Mission Committee*

July Tend My Sheep SCHOOL SUPPLIES



In July, we are collecting backpacks and school supplies for Green Elementary - our neighbor school on Six Forks Road. Green is a Title 1 school which means it serves a significant number of low-income families and receives federal funding to help with extra resources to make sure all children, regardless of economic background, have a fair and equal opportunity to achieve academic success.



The list of school supplies needed are: backpacks, headphones (not earbuds), glue sticks, #2 pencils, dry erase markers and erasers, colored pencils, crayons, 2 pocket folders, and scissors. Items can be placed in the bins by Sanctuary entrances throughout the month of July.

**NEXT Sunday, July 13
9:30am in Westminster Hall**

MEALS ON WHEELS

MEAL PACKING EVENT

We will be packing breakfast bags for Meals on Wheels during the Sunday School hour. These bags will be



delivered to the MOW clients as an extra meal. The Mission Committee will be purchasing the contents for these meal bags with Hunger Action budgeted funds. Join us for this hands-on, meaningful project! All ages welcome!

July Special Offering HUNGER ACTION FUND



This July, we invite you to support our special offering collection for the Hunger Action Fund. As a Hunger Action congregation, it is our primary mission to help provide food and vital resources to individuals and families facing food insecurity in our community and beyond. Join us in being the hands and feet of Christ to those in need.

You may place your donation in the offering plate, mail it, or [donate online \(QR code to left\)](#). To text to give, send your donation amount with the word "Hunger" to 888-906-0744 (Example: 25 Hunger)



June Tend My Sheep Report

During the month of June on behalf of the Inter-Faith Food Shuttle, the congregation contributed the following food staples to food-insecure families in our community:

27 jars of peanut butter (9 extra large), 20 boxes of pasta, 10 boxes of cereal, 6 packages of rice, 12 miscellaneous cans of food, and 4 miscellaneous

boxes of breakfast items (pancake mix, grits, granola bars, etc.). In all, 107 lbs. of food was donated.



Thank you to the church for your continued efforts as a Hunger Action Congregation.

- The Mission Committee

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HUDSON



A poster for Summer Supper Taco Night. At the top and bottom are rows of taco emojis. The text is in a playful, dotted font. It says 'SUMMER SUPPER' in large letters, followed by 'WEDNESDAY, JULY 9' and 'TACO NIGHT'. Below that, it says 'WESTMINSTER HALL | 6:00PM' and '\$7 PER PERSON | KIDS UNDER 5 EAT FREE'. At the bottom, it says 'RSVP BY JULY 7 BY CLICKING [HERE](#) OR CALLING THE CHURCH OFFICE.'

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Adult Ed THIS SUNDAY

July 6 | 9:30
Westminster Hall

This Sunday, Adult Ed will take a break from our summer series program and have a time of fellowship before



worship. Join us in Westminster Hall between 9:30-10:20 for coffee, light refreshments, & conversation!

The Summer Series program will resume July 13 with our Meals On Wheels meal-packing event!

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 6

9:30 am - Adult Ed Fellowship - Westminster North
9:30 am - Summer Sing with Chancel Choir - Sanctuary
10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary
10:45 am - Children's Sunday School - Geneva
11:30 am - Fellowship - Westminster North

Monday, July 7

7:00 pm - Personnel Committee - Zoom
8:00 pm - Al-Anon/Alateen - Geneva Hall

Tuesday, July 8

6:30 am - Waking Up With The Word - Zoom
6:00 pm - ACA - Rm 200
7:00 pm - Adult Ed Committee - Zoom

Wednesday, July 9

6:00 pm - Summer Supper - Westminster North

Thursday, July 10

10:45 am - Staff Meeting - Welcome Lounge
6:30 pm - Mission Committee - Westminster South

PROPERTY

Property Committee Restroom Accessibility Task Force



A Task Force was formed and funds have been approved to add an accessible restroom to the building. Jason Byrd of Redline Design Group was selected as the architect. His name may sound familiar to some of you because he has worked with HMPC on several past projects, including the Memorial Garden ramp, Westminster Hall, and the elevator addition. The Task Force is currently working with Redline to develop detailed plans. Please contact Melinda Kovach if you have any questions.

A NOTE FROM PASTOR MARGUERITE



Dear HMPC friends,

I've loved hearing your reactions to the first segment of the summer sermon series on mission, vision, and goals. June was spent exploring the many facets of what the word "mission" means to people.

Thank you for thinking with me about how important, yet how complicated, it can be to dedicate ourselves to a "mission from God."

In July, we'll move into an exploration of vision. What is the difference between mission and vision? Does a church's vision actually make any difference to what church members do or don't do? If we have a vision, how do we know when we have achieved it?

I look forward to listening to God's Word with you and discerning together answers to these questions and how they might bring all of us into a greater understanding of bearing the kind of witness that helps fulfill God's transformational mission in the world.

Blessings,

Rev. Marguerite Sirrine
Transitional Pastor



MISSION STUDY TEAM



Make Sure Your Voice is Heard!

Dear Friends, The Mission Study Team is excited about the plans to get your perspectives on our church for our mission study report. For us to be able to do that, your contact information needs to be current and correct in our online Church Directory. If you have email, **PLEASE make sure we have the correct address for you.** Here's how:

1. **Access the Church Directory** the way you normally do. You may click [HERE](#) to log in through a browser.
2. Enter in your name to access your **family profile**.
3. Click on **Edit My Family**.
4. Make sure all email addresses for adults and children 16 and above are correct. If not, please make sure you update them.
5. Another option is to **contact [Hannah](#)** in the office (919-787-1086) and give her your correct email address.

If you don't have email, please ensure your physical address is current using the same access to the Church Directory, or by calling Hannah. **Please have your info current no later than July 31st.** In August, we'll be offering the first opportunity for you to send us your comprehensive feedback. More details to come!

WEEKDAY FAITH FORMATION

Waking Up With The Word

Tuesday, July 8 | 6:30am | Zoom



This is an early morning men's Bible study. It meets via Zoom and in-person (on the WH Patio), alternating weekly.

WUWTW uses an ancient study method called *lectio divina*. We read the passage that will be preached on for the upcoming Sunday four times, with interspersed questions:

*What's a word or phrase that stands out to you?
Allow that word or phrase to develop into a memory from your life - is there a thought you have on the passage or a metaphor? What is Christ calling you to through the passage?*

No previous Bible study experience is necessary. It's a great way to deepen your faith and develop friendships within the church! New participants are always



welcome. Contact [Lesley Ash Jacobsen](#) to be added to the mailing list for this group. Contact Tripp Bradshaw with any questions.